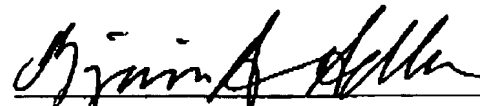


REMARKS

Applicants state that the above-referenced U.S. national stage application was timely filed on May 12, 2006 with filing documents including a transmittal letter having a statement (see pg. 2 of the transmittal letter) that Applicants are entitled to Small Entity Status and a request to debit the filing fees, as a small entity, from the undersigned's deposit account. Applicants attach copies of the transmittal letter, the certificate of mailing under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 and the date-stamped return postcard with a copy of the Formalities Letter. Applicants submit that the correct basic national fee was paid. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the above-referenced U.S. national stage application be accorded the May 12, 2006 filing date and that a Filing Receipt be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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